

May 12, 2008

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Dear Ms. Sinram:

The National Republican Congressional Committee is in receipt of your Request for Additional Information dated April 10, 2008, concerning our 2008 March monthly report.

With respect to the cash-on-hand, on March 13, 2008, the Committee made this adjustment and filed an informational notice in accordance with guidance from Commission staff.

The aggregate for the coordinated expenditure on behalf of the Oberweis campaign as reported on Schedule F should be \$ 14,560, as indicated in your letter. The aggregate amount reported of \$ 24,350 incorrectly included a coordinated expense of \$9,790 that was actually paid to McLaughlin & Associates (and reported) on March 4, 2008.

The Line 23 memo entries list the in-kind contributions from a portion of a disbursement to Verizon on April 3, 2008 in the amount of \$ 5,194, which will be reported on our upcoming May 2008 monthly report.

As reported on Line 26, the Committee paid \$ 600,000 during the month toward its outstanding loan balance. During the ongoing review of prior financial records, the Committee determined that the correct outstanding loan principal balance as of February 29, 2008 was \$ 900,000, as indicated on this report. The appropriate corrections to prior Schedule C filings will be included on the amendments to be filed by the Committee.

The Committee believes its procedures are in compliance with the best efforts provisions cited in your letter. As an initial matter, all committee solicitations notify the donor that the Committee is required to report occupation and employer information, and request that the donor provide such information. For those donors who choose not to provide the information, the Committee (within thirty days of receiving the contribution) sends the required follow-up letter, which asks the donor again to provide the information, and again advises the donor of the Committee's obligation to report the information. These follow-up letters include a postage-paid return envelope for the donor's convenience. Finally, all such information received, including the contributor's address, is reported.

Any additional information received subsequent to the filing of the original report will be included on the amendments to be filed by the Committee.

With respect to the information that is provided by the donors, the regulations cited in your letter require that we ask contributors to supply employer/occupation information, but do not compel the contributors to comply with the Committee's requests. The Committee has reported all the information it has in its possession in an attempt to satisfy both the intent and the substance of 11 CFR 100.12, 11 CFR 104.3, and 11 CFR 104.7. In addition, the Committee can find no guidance in the statute or regulations that allow it to add to or subtract from information that is voluntarily provided to it from its contributors, nor is there any indication in the statute or regulations that the descriptions referred to are inadequate listings for employer and/or occupation. Finally, the Committee notes that it updates its employer/occupation data as it is received from donors.
